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In the Claims:

8. (Currently amended) A package of a plurality of containers comprising:

a planar sheet of a flexible plastic material having a plurality of container receiving openings arranged in a exactly one longitudinal row, each container receiving opening engaging a container;

a panel extending transversely and downwardly from the longitudinal row of container receiving openings; and

a handle comprising an aperture positioned along an outer periphery of the panel so that when the package is lifted, the panel inverts upwardly and at least partially against the containers so that the containers are carried at an angle between approximately 30° and 75° with respect to horizontal; and

a weakened area positioned between the panel and the longitudinal row of container receiving openings, the weakened area for generating a sharp crease when the panel is inverted.

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Amendment to the Claims

Applicants have amended Claims 8 and 14 into independent form by including the limitations of Claim 18 and the limitation that only a single longitudinal row is formed in the carrier. Applicants urge that the above amendments and new claims add no new matter to the application nor do such amendments require a new search.

Respectfully submitted,



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